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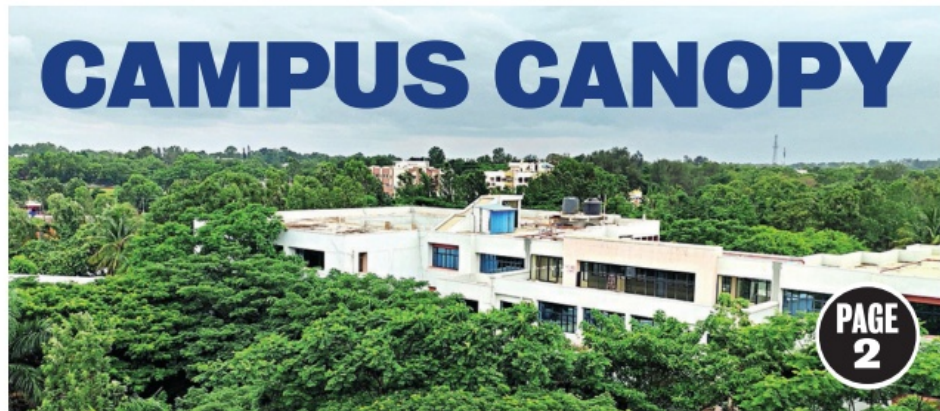
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CAMPUS CANOPY



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VANISHING POINT: Haphazard urbanisation may lead to full depletion of 4 major waterbodies within a decade

ONCE UPON A LAKE

'Puttenahalli Lake may hit critical point in 1.27 years'



Nagawara lake

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Some of Bengaluru's most cherished waterbodies are set to reach doomsday in a few years, research has revealed.

According to researchers at the Indian Institute of Science, if the current annual urban growth rate is not slowed down, four of Bengaluru's major lakes will reach the point of no return pronto.

Puttenahalli Lake is expected to reach this critical point in around 1.27 years, Nagawara Lake in 1.8 years, Ulsoor Lake in 3.45 years and

Urbanisation rate in 2018-19 was 22.5%. At this rate, Puttenahalli Lake will reach the critical GBA value (0.015) by 2023-24, followed by Nagawara Lake by around 2024-25, Ulsoor Lake by 2025 and Sankey Tank by 2028-29.

— Dr Rudrodip Majumdar, IISc

Sankey Tank in 5.29 years.

Researchers looked at the pace of urbanisation in dynamic zones around the four lakes using land cover mapping from satellite images.

The extent of dynamic zones taken into consideration for Sankey Tank was 5.8 sq km, for Puttenahalli Lake was 10.14 sq km, for Nagawara Lake it was 4.61 sq km and for Ulsoor Lake

it was set at 5.04 sq km.

"The dynamic zone is the area around an urban lake ecosystem that changes with the harnessing of the lake's ecosystem services. Although these changes add to the services, they are detrimental to the fragile and sensitive ecosystem. We conducted the study based on a visual interpretation method to delineate the green and built-up

areas of dynamic zones of the four representative lakes and calculated the ratio of green area to built-up area (GBA) for each lake," said Dr Rudrodip Majumdar, co-author of the study and assistant professor at IISc.

A low GBA value implies a large built-up area and low green cover. The study showed that

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Unlimited calls at ₹20,000

Elected representative's monthly telephone allowance more than a pourakarmika's wages



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One need not spend much money to use either a land-line or mobile phone as many telecom service providers are vying to provide services at affordable rates.

However, our elected representatives think differently and have become oblivious to various packages offered by telecom service providers.

If the amount being sanctioned to them towards telephone allowance is any indication, it seems they are so busy interacting with their respective voters round the clock to find ways and methods to fix all of the latter's problems.

Each elected representative is entitled Rs 20,000 per month towards telephone allowance. The amount is more than what an anganwadi worker or a pourakarmika makes a month.

It is not as if elected representatives are not aware of current telecom tariffs. Many of the elected representatives are aware of telecom services available at cheaper prices but majority of them never think it is apt to avail money from the government for only what was spent to interact with the officials concerned and the people from their respective constituencies. None of them seems to have objected to the government increasing the telephone allowance.

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3 THINGS TO DO



01 Gimme a Key

Catch Western Music Festival 'Gimme a Key' this weekend at Jagriti Theatre. Gimme A Key returns for its third edition to a braver, brand-new world. This festival has celebrated the work of some of the best talent in the country -- musicians, instrumentalists, singers, and songwriters. Some of the artistes are Cinema of Excess, Michael Dias, and Joey Sharma who have been a big part of the local music scene for years.

Where: Jagriti Theatre; **When:** May 22, 7:30pm
Tickets: bookmyshow.com/events/gimme-a-key/
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02 Calling all lawyers

The School of Legal Studies at CMR University, Bengaluru, will organize the National Moot Court Competition, their flagship event. The virtual inauguration of the event will be done by Hon'ble Justice Mrs BV Nagaratha, Judge - Supreme Court of India as the Chief Guest. A



total of 20 colleges will be participating in the competition, two preliminary rounds will be judged by eminent judges, legal professionals and professors of law.

Where: OMBR Layout campus; **When:** May 22

03 Support these artisans

Dastkar brings the most authentic experience of Indian handicrafts by bringing a confluence of more than 100 craft groups and craftpreneurs from 20+ states across India within one arena. The Bengaluru Dastkar Bazaar will offer a wide range of lifestyle accessories,



silver jewellery, and adornments, metal crafts, carved furniture & decorative products, pottery & ceramics, basketry & fibre crafts, leather products, traditional paintings, a variety of hand-woven, embroidered, block printed textiles and more.

Where: Jayamahal Palace Hotel
When: May 27 - June 2, 10.30 am - 8.30 pm
Info: 9910802970/9742801793

What's brewing? A green revolution

Schools, colleges, science and research institutes are building large expanses of greenery that comprises diverse plant and bird species

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From chirpy peahens to quirky macaques, from hundreds of plant species to countless insects and birds, education campuses in the city are a treasure trove of biodiversity. Schools, colleges and research institutes are going all out to build and maintain their own pocket of greenery.

From in-situ plant conservation to apiculture and avian conservation, these campuses are serving as invaluable pockets of greenery that provide homes to an endless list of flora and fauna.

BMS Institute of Technology and Management (BMSIT&M) is one such campus of over three acres laden with tall and thick canopy, hedges, shrubs, plants and climbers. The campus boasts of more than 620 tree species, including 100 flowering and about 60 non-flowering plants. Floral biodiversity is also maintained on the campus primarily through plant species from Lalbagh Botanical Garden, University of Agricultural Sciences (GKVK) and the Western Ghats.

"We call our green spaces an oxygen hotspot. We try to focus on the in-situ form of conservation. As an outcome of these efforts, the rate of carbon sequestration per tree is higher on our campus than in most public green spaces in the city. Our in-house natural pollinators such



The birds, bees, moths and butterflies help maintain the biodiversity of these campuses



as bonnet macaques, bats, birds, bees, moths and butterflies play an important role in maintaining the diversity," said Dr Rajesh Gopinath, Professor, BMSIT&M.

IIM Bangalore is also home to some rare bird species. The institute recently planted around 25 varieties of fruit trees on campus to meet the food requirement of the birds. "A peahen is the latest addition to the rich avian diversity. The campus is home to reptiles and squirrels too. We also ensure that no tree on the campus faces the axe. The tree transplanting work has been taken up by the in-house staff of IIMB over the last two years. In 2018, as many as 30 trees were transplanted on the campus by BMRC," said Mahesh Patil, horticulture officer, IIMB.

The campus has also started honeybee rearing on a part of the campus to train the gardeners so that they can take up beekeeping

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— Dr Rajesh Gopinath, Professor, BMSIT & M

ing as their livelihood in their villages. It is not just the higher education grounds. For instance, Greenwood International School has come up with various flowering and fruit plants to sustain its beehive population.

"We have preserved four beehives on campus to help increase their population and avoid their habitat loss. Since bees also play a vital role in pollination, we have let them be. Local flowering plants have been planted across

the campus along with fruits and vegetables to sustain the bee population," informed Aloysius DMello, Principal, Greenwood International School

These campuses say the advantages of having biodiversity-rich spaces are many. A thick green expanse is not just the best way to calm and rejuvenate yourself, but the dense canopy also acts as an urban cool island.

"The amount of thermal comfort it provides is far better than any air-conditioner can offer. Ecologically, a greater diversity brings in stronger climate resolve and a stable self-sustaining ecosystem. It is only due to the wide floral diversity, that our campus can sustain more than 100 plus species each of butterflies and moths, about 60 avian species, close to 35 species of Odonata, and several other lesser-known insects, mammals and reptiles," added Dr Gopinath.

Wake up call on just wages

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According to Basavaraj Horatti, who recently quit as the legislative council chairman and joined the BJP, an elected representative need not spend Rs 20,000 per month towards telephone expenses.

"I used to get Rs 14,000 per month for the phones installed at my residences at Hubballi and in Bengaluru. I opted for a package from a private telecom service provider to ensure my telephone bill to be around Rs 2,000 or even Rs 4,000 per month. I can't criticise other elected representatives for drawing Rs 20,000 per month towards telephone allowance. They have to stop drawing a full amount of Rs 20,000 per month on their

own," said Horatti, adding that the government fixed Rs 5,000 towards telephone allowance in 1988.

PR Ramesh, Congress MLC, said an elected representative maintains one or two mobile phones; one phone at the legislators' home and one phone at his residence and the other phone at his office. One more phone connection would be with the MLA or MLC's personal assistant.

"I am of the opinion that telephone expenses will be around Rs 20,000 per month for an elected representative," said Ramesh.

Meanwhile, social activists demanded that the government should not sanction the amount without seeking telephone bills from the elected representatives. "Though the elected representa-

tives are eligible to avail a telephone allowance, the government has to take lower tariffs offered by private telecom service providers into consideration before giving Rs 20,000 towards telephone expenses per month. I want the elected representatives to draw whatever they spent to maintain their mobile phones. They have to return excess money than the amount spent on telephone bills to the government," said Sai Datta.

Describing the decision to sanction Rs 20,000 towards telephone expenses of an elected representative as not only misleading the public but also a white collar crime, Ravi Krishna Reddy of Karnataka Rashtra Samiti said that elected representatives are simply pocketing

tax-payers' money. "Where is the need for elected representatives to spend Rs 20,000 per month when private telecom service providers are ready to provide suitable packages that allow unlimited incoming and outgoing calls and also access to the unlimited internet?" wondered Reddy.

The pay package

With effect from April 2022, representatives are entitled to get a salary of Rs 40,000 per month apart from Rs 60,000 constituency allowance, Rs 60,000 towards touring the constituency, Rs 20,000 towards wages for his personal assistance and office assistance, Rs 5,000 towards postal expenses and Rs 20,000 towards telephone expenses. So, the total amount an elected representative is entitled to is Rs 2,05,000 per month.

Hydrotherapy?

The pets lap it up



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While humans have been using water as a therapy for different kind of joint pains and aches, now even their animal friends can get the benefits of this therapy. Hydrotherapy or the water cure for dogs is a form of physiotherapy that uses water resistance to rehabilitate injuries and relieve pain. It is usually used to treat arthritis in dogs, or for the ones who are paralysed, have dysplasia or degenerative joint disease.

Many boarding centres and even some of the veterinary hospitals in the city are coming up with swimming pools to carry out the hydrotherapy. Most of the pet parents whose dogs are fit get them to pools, as the water is beneficial for them.

Shruthi Venugopal from Floap located in Indiranagar,

which has different boarding centres in the city, said, "Specific breeds of dogs have issues related to hips like arthritis and dysplasia. It is more common among golden retrievers and labradors. The flooring of many apartments are not ideal for the dogs which results in bone health issues. Many pet parents have started opting for hydrotherapy for their dogs. As dogs are natural swimmers, this therapy can easily help them."

Venugopal said dogs start swimming as puppies and they

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— Shruthi Venugopal, Floap

get more comfortable with water. "In Bengaluru many boarding centres have swimming pools for pets. Years ago swimming pools were not common for pets. But now it is easily accessible to pet parents," she said.

She added that earlier pet parents would come for the therapy only if their vet suggested it, but now they just get their pet as it is beneficial and also a good time for them.

Vets too pointed out that hydrotherapy is beneficial and reliable. However, it is important to note that the type of therapy should be handled by professionals and dog therapists who have adequate experience and are trained in handling dog injuries.

The therapy is said to be beneficial for neurological problems, ACL injuries, orthopaedic injuries or conditions, post-surgical healing and recovery, weight loss and conditions like cushing's disease and diabetes that can cause muscles to atrophy.

Under the weather: Attack of flies and cold, cold night in May

It was a bright and sunny day on Saturday though it became cloudy as the day progressed. But a few Bengalureans complained of a different kind of problem -- a swarm of flies swooped down on their day. Srinivas R, a college student, said he encountered a flurry of flies when he went to an ATM on Hesaraghatta Road. "I saw flies all around and thought maybe they won't be in the ATM, but boy, was I wrong. I was in a hurry as I had to withdraw money to pay a hospital bill. But as I was do-

ing that, the flies were all over me, trying to enter my eyes, ears, mouth. It was a disgusting experience."

Coldest night

And were you all feeling out in the cold on Friday? Okay, it was not you -- but it was indeed one of the coldest nights in the city. Now, the Met department has confirmed that Friday night was one of the coldest days of May in the history of Bengaluru. On Friday, mercury dipped to 17.9 degree Celsius that is the coldest since May 6,

1945 (when the city had recorded 16.7 degree Celsius). The day's temperature was also quite low as the city had reported 22.4 degree Celsius on Thursday (lowest since 1972).

Rain to continue

Though the city has not received heavy rainfall in the last two days, the Met department predicts cloudy skies for the next two days with rainfall at many places. The surface winds will be stronger and gusty at times.

—Sridhar Vivan

Woman dies after falling from Brigade Rd shopping complex

In a shocking incident, an 18-year-old young woman died under suspicious circumstances after she slipped and fell from the second floor of a mall in Bengaluru on Saturday. Her friend, who also fell, has fractured his leg.

The incident took place at the Fifth Avenue Mall on Brigade Road. The deceased Liya and her friend, Chris Peter are second-year Commerce students at St. Joseph's College. They had come shopping with friends. According to preliminary information, the woman slipped as they were going down the stairs. The man also jumped to save her in vain, the police suspect. The woman had suffered severe head injury and succumbed to profuse bleeding. The young man was saved as he fell on her, the police said.

Central DCP Sharanappa stated that the exact sequence of events is yet to be ascertained.

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Time to steer the wheel

FROM DISCOUNTS TO EXCHANGE OFFERS AND LOW INTEREST RATE FINANCING OPTIONS, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO BRING HOME THOSE DREAM WHEELS

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There are plenty of reasons to buy a vehicle now. A range of models to suit every budget and the availability of easy finance options has made buying a vehicle quite easy. Shashank Srivastava, senior executive director of marketing and sales at a leading automobile manufacturer, states, "Buying a vehicle is a sign of prosperity in Indian culture and people prefer buying it on either auspicious occasions or when they have some extra money in their hands. Various attractive offers and

schemes are also promoted to attract customers."

Here's a look at some of the reasons why this is the best time for prospective buyers to make their purchase.

AT THE BEST PRICE

People think of buying a car when there is an addition to the family or when there is an increase in their income. Rajneesh Singh, chief marketing officer of an electric vehicle manufacturing company, says, "Whether you intend to book your vehicle or take possession of it, manufacturers and dealers are armed with exciting discounts, exchange offers,



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low-interest finance options, and other perks to draw in customers."

DEALS AND DISCOUNTS GALORE

Automobile dealers have come up with interesting offers and have discounts lined up for buyers. Bhushan J Shah, CEO and founder of an automobile company that deals in electric bikes, shares, "These discounts and offers can help buyers save a significant amount of money on the total cost of the vehicle. Apart from this, manufacturers and dealerships also provide free or discounted accessories. Often,

there are heavy discounts that increase with multiple vehicle purchases. Many dealers also offer staggered payment plans to charm buyers."

Illustrating the different kind of offers, Srivastava adds, "Our dealer partners are excited to utilise this festival period to maximise their sales and are offering benefits ranging from ₹10,000 – ₹15,000 on exchange sales. Additional freebies such as elaborate deliveries to make the delivery experience special for customers are also planned at various dealerships. Buyers can expect limited-edition models of some cars at the showroom along

with attractive offerings on accessories."

NEW MODELS UNVEILED

The primary draw for customers is new car launches. Hardeep Singh Brar, vice president and head of sales and marketing of a multinational automobile manufacturer, says, "Customers are usually interested in checking out the latest launches to see what's available to match their budget and requirements. With the Indian auto market witnessing multiple launches, buyers today have a plethora of options to choose from."

FOCUS ON PERSONAL MOBILITY

According to Brar, the pandemic has seen a shift in consumer mobility needs. He explains, "Keeping in mind health and hygiene factors, people, across markets, are now leaning towards buying a vehicle for their personal use for daily commute versus using public transport. Additionally, with offices reopening, many will consider purchasing big ticket items like a car."

LOWER INTEREST RATES

Banks and Non-Banking Fi-

nancial Companies (NBFCs) also provide a multitude of offers. Shah cites, "Loans availed often come at a cheaper rate of interest. Some loan offers include a waiver of the processing fee. Many banks also offer no-cost EMLs. Many a times, there are loan offers with zero down payment, wherein the bank pays the entire cost of the vehicle as part of the loan amount." Customers should make the best use of such offers.

A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Srivastava shares, "While we are presently experiencing good customer demand and the production situation is still dynamic, there is a definite amount of uncertainty due to various global factors such as the Russia-Ukraine crisis and its economic impact. As with sustained demand and impacted production, the waiting period may go up and attractive offers may not be available in the coming months. Hence, there is no better time than now to buy that two- or four-wheeler."

If you are looking to purchase a vehicle, then this is the time when you can negotiate for the best price on it, demand freebies and secure substantial discounts.

ELECTRIFYING TRANSPORT

ELECTRIFICATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT RANKS HIGH ON INDIA'S SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY AGENDA RESULTING IN A PUSH FOR A SHARED, CONNECTED, AND ELECTRIC MOBILITY FUTURE

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In these times of increasing pollution, switching to an environmentally friendly mode of transport has become a necessity especially in countries like India.

THE E-MOBILITY PLAN

The plan for the introduction and production of electric vehicles (EV) in India (FAME India) was launched as part of the National E-Mobility Mission 2011 / National E-Mobility Plan 2020, presented in 2013. It aims to stimulate the growth of reliable, affordable, and efficient electric and hybrid vehicles. To keep pace with the global economy, various policy initiatives have been introduced by the Indian government since 2007 to give an impetus to the high-potential EV industry. The government's goal to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070 as committed during the recently held COP26 summit, further stresses on the need to focus on EVs as the 'future of mobility'.

Given that the ratio of cars per thousand individuals is far less in India than in developed countries, the dependence of a majority of the population on public transport will continue. Hence, to reduce its carbon emissions, India needs to focus on mass scale electrification of public transport, especially e-buses. Though a great response has already been shown by existing Indian market players in the 2 and 3 wheelers segments, commercial vehicle players have either just entered or are in the process of entering this space.

Chinnappa A A, team leader (EV) of a leading chain of showrooms, says, "People who travel more on a daily basis, like for 40-50km per day prefer EVs over other vehicles. The cost difference between petrol and diesel vehicles and EVs are at least Rs 11. So, initially people were sceptical about buying or using EVs since it was newly launched but the sales has increased to around 30-40% in the last two years and it will be increasing more in the

coming years. Bengaluru alone has more than 20 charging points, so it is easy for anyone to access it for."

PICKING UP SPEED

According to a report in 2021, around 2,36,802 EVs were sold in India in FY20-21, and as per market sources e-buses accounted for only a small portion of the cumulative EV sales. With respect to market players, until the FY20-21, about 74% of the total e-bus supply orders in India were catered by relatively new market players. The e-bus reforms in the country have been largely driven by incentives offered by the government, and in addition, several initiatives have been introduced like reduction of GST on EVs, introduction of vehicle scrappage policy, de-licensing of public charging stations.

Despite all this, the Indian e-bus revolution has not grown to the targeted levels, and is facing its own set of challenges, such as its dependency on imports, uncertainty of battery life, and environmental

concerns. A much-needed switch to e-mobility is equally important to understand that the presence of e-buses.

Pivoting away from Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) driven buses to a pure electric format will have several benefits, including accelerating the pathway to meet the country's 2070 net-zero target. Thanks to the financial support available under the Government of India's subsidy scheme, Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid and) Electric vehicles (FAME), public transit agencies, primarily State Road Transport Undertakings (SRTUs), have made some early progress in transitioning to e-buses. As per the latest records, there are about 1,000 e-buses on roads across the country at present.

Future e-bus models are expected to have more efficient drivetrains, advanced batteries and improved battery management systems offering longer driving ranges with same or lower battery pack sizes. Transit agencies should therefore adopt a 2030 e-bus rollout

strategy that remains as a living plan warranting periodic reassessment to ensure that the decision-making is relevant in changing market conditions.

Governments, at both national and sub-national levels, should regard public transport electrification as an important lever for supporting the country's climate commitment and mitigating air pollution. According to experts, the economic benefits of e-bus service far outweigh the initial high cost of e-bus rollout. Therefore, the central government should continue to offer subsidies for e-bus procurement (as currently available under FAME scheme) and the state governments should chip in to extend additional financial assistance to the SRTUs in the form of Viability Gap Funding and interest subvention on loans.

As per a research report of Deloitte, Public transportation has the potential to influence the development of any city. A good public transport is accessible to all and has the power to bridge the gap in mobility. Even though there are different modes of public transport such as passenger trains, buses, trams and rapid transit (metro, subway), buses are the most dominant form of public transport in India.

MAKING A TRANSITION

Moreover, public transport addresses the issue of congestion on roads by promoting

shared mobility. The transition to electric buses is expected to not only help reduce carbon footprint but also save fuel. The enhancement of electric public transport seems to be the need of the hour in every city. The advantages of electric buses have been recognised globally and different cities have taken initiatives to deploy electric buses in their fleets. In India, the Department of Heavy Industries, Potential models for adoption of EVs in public transport, Government of India has sanctioned \$67mn for the procurement of electric buses, e-taxis and e-autos.

"We have already installed 136 public charging points in 74 locations and looking to set up more stations to meet the surge in demand for EVs. In addition, we are already in talks with the transport department so that it will be helpful for hiring and charging of vehicles. EVs are the future. The tender is already passed and in the next two months all the work is going to get complete. It is already in the experimental stage. In addition, in collaboration with the smart city project we are doing some of the charging station for public transport. For that we are planning 12 unique charging stations that are in experimental stage," said Sreenath, deputy general manager (smart grid and electric vehicles), Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (Bescom).

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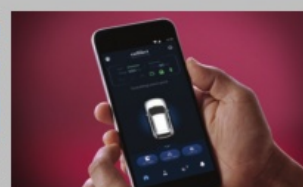
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Marathahalli underpass work to be resumed, soon

Rs 6-crore project slowed due to insufficient land; acquisition talks on, says Palike

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The BBMP on Saturday said that underpass work near Marathahalli flyover will be back on track after construction was slowed due to insufficient space.

Currently, a railway flyover connects Marathahalli bridge to Kundalahalli gate. Commuters from HAL have to travel below the flyover to take a U-turn towards Outer Ring Road. Though the BBMP had taken up construction of an underpass here, the project was slowed down due to lack of land.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath who visited the spot said, "This project is being taken up at a cost of Rs 6 crore. Half of the work has been completed so far. For taking up the other half, we need land that currently houses a church. We are currently in the process of acquiring the land via TDR. Only after the possession, will we be able to complete the project."

Gunjur Road project to be expedited

The Chief Commissioner also asked personnel to expedite the Gunjur Road project. A 1.4-kilometre road that connects Sarjapur Road to Outer Ring Road via Gunjur was being widened.



Traffic on Outer Ring Road near Marathahalli's EMC square is a problem Bengalureans are too familiar with

The road will be expanded from 40 metres to 100 metres but due to the delay in the work, the traffic pile-up has risen. With many offices also returning to campuses, traffic jams are back on this narrow road.

Cycle track at Yemalur

Due to long, snake-like traffic jams on HAL-Marathahalli Road, many prefer to take the interior roads via Yemalur to reach Outer Ring Road.

Currently, a 2.9-kilometre stretch connecting old Airport

Road, Yamalur Junction and ORR is being taken up at a cost of Rs 7 crore. This project includes widening of the existing road to 24 metre along with construction of a foot-path, cycle track, RCC drain and asphalt. However, the construction work is yet to be completed.

Narayanapura Lake to get a facelift

The much-neglected Narayanapura Lake is all set to get a new lease of life if work gets taken up on priority. The five-acre lake

which once used to be a source of drinking water is lying in a state of neglect. However, BBMP officials claim this lake will soon be rejuvenated at a cost of Rs 3 crore by desilting.

There is also a proposal to fence the lake and provide tracks for morning and evening walks/jogging. There is also a proposal for a mini garden at this place. The locals are demanding installing a mesh for the lake's inlet so that plastic and other waste does not flow in via stormwater drains.

Final Countdown: Lakes that were

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Puttenahalli Lake had the lowest GBA value (0.167), followed by Nagawara Lake (0.213), Ulsoor Lake (0.452) and Sankey Tank (1.015).

The low GBA of Puttenahalli Lake implied the waterbody received episodic volumes of high run-off, substantially impacting the water quality. The highest GBA of Sankey Tank indicated a higher green cover and lower built-up land area.

Even for the densest urban system, the GBA value in the dynamic zone of a lake ecosystem should be above 0.015 for it to survive. A GBA value lower than 0.015 is a doomsday scenario — aquatic life will vanish, biodiversity will be depleted and the waterbody will hit the point of no return.

"Urban lakes keep city temperature within acceptable limits. When we overdevelop and concretise dynamic zones, we deteriorate the biogeochemistry, which leads to ecological imbalance and a disturbed hydrological cycle. This causes the sinks to shrink and their cooling capacity drops leading to urban heat island effect," Dr Majumdar told BM.

When researchers predicted the GBA values for 2023 for the four selected lakes, they were found to decrease substantially, indicating continuous urban growth at the cost of reduced green area.

As per predictions, Puttenahalli Lake will have a GBA value of 0.017, Nagawara Lake's GBA will reach 0.022, Ulsoor Lake will follow with 0.046 and Sankey Tank will attain the GBA value of 0.107 by 2023.

"Urbanisation rate of the city in 2018-19 was

estimated to be 22.5%. If we carry on at this rate, Puttenahalli Lake will reach the critical GBA value (0.015) by 2023-24, followed by Nagawara Lake by around 2024-25, Ulsoor Lake by 2025 and Sankey Tank by 2028-29," said Dr Majumdar.

Impervious surfaces

Urban waterbodies recharge groundwater. However, this capability is compromised by a high built-up area around the lake, which leads to more impervious surfaces. Of the four lakes, Puttenahalli Lake recorded the highest percentage of impervious surfaces thus with the lowest contribution towards groundwater recharge. Moreover, the lake was also found to be susceptible to higher surface run-off as compared to the other lakes, especially during the monsoon.

An accelerated urban sprawl around the waterbodies, according to experts, increases the amount of paved surfaces, which in turn causes the run-off water to carry more pollutants into the lakes.

"As natural boundaries become more impervious, the interaction between the waterbody and

Lakes	GBA values evaluated from 2018 maps	Time required for reaching GBA 0.015 (in years) at 22.5% per year
Sankey	1.015	9.29
Puttenahalli	0.167	5.27
Nagawara	0.213	5.8
Ulsoor	0.452	7.45

Lakes	Predicted GBA values for 2023 based on 2018 land maps and annual urban growth rate of 22.5%
Sankey	0.107
Puttenahalli	0.017
Nagawara	0.022
Ulsoor	0.046

the immediate surrounding landscape is minimal. Consequently, the stagnation of the lake water system results in the deterioration of the quality of the associated ecosystem. Owing to this degradation, important lake services, such as fisheries, recreational and social activities are hindered," added Dr Majumdar.

Not so bleak

While the GBA values predicted for 2023, in the study, showed further deterioration, experts said we could delay the inevitable by decelerating the rate of urbanisation.

For delaying the critical urban growth limit by 30 years from the period starting at the end of 2019, the permissible annual urban growth rates for the dynamic zones of Puttenahalli Lake should be brought down to 3.24% and Nagawara Lake to 3.66%. Although, a little higher rate of urbanisation was found to be acceptable around Sankey Tank (6.31%) and Ulsoor Lake (4.91%).

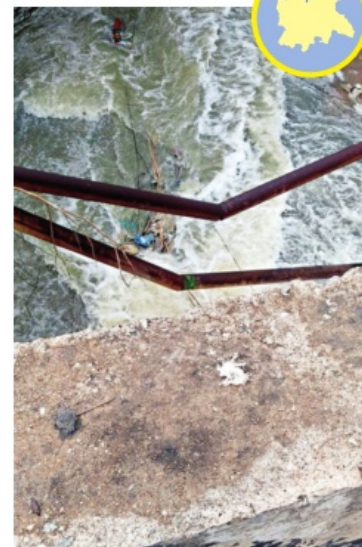
Dr Majumdar also added that periodic revisits and stakeholder consultations should happen before any policy measures.

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Lake in distress

KR Puram



At KR Puram Lake, the lake is full of weeds and the dirty water is mixed with the rainwater going to the drain.

Free the footpaths

Hebbal



Food carts illegally occupy the footpath in front of Hebbal Police Station forcing pedestrians to walk on road. BBMP should take action.

Slush pond

Mathikere



The whole of Pipeline Road, Mathikere, was dug up for laying pipes and now, this is the condition of the roads. It's slushy due to rains and taking out two-wheelers is difficult.



A bird's eye view of a flooded locality in the city last week

Flood analysis

Ill-equipped to handle even normal weather patterns due to poor maintenance, city's infra crumbles in the face of extreme weather situations

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For the past few days, parts of the city were flooded and several lives were disrupted. BM spoke to experts to go to the root of the city's flooding problem and most experts put the blame squarely on poor urban planning; some also note that the city has not been designed to account for even small effects of climate change.

"Rainfall intensity in the city has been increasing and we are getting more rainfall in a shorter span. The existing drainage system is not able to manage the water. The problem is a combination of factors such as the design of roads and drains. The city is also crusting up, leaving less area for water to percolate through. The water entering the storm-water drains is increasing six-seven times and silted-filled storm water drains are failing to carry the water as per their capacity. Roads and railways are blocking water flow channels," said Vishwanath, advisor at Biome Environmental Trust.

Another problem with the city is that buildings are constructed in valley areas. "The cause of the flooding is construction in valleys where the water is supposed to flow into. This is a problem in every city when the city grows. The

existing drains do not have the required capacity or are blocked. Climate change is not the primary reason for flooding. Currently, we are seeing 15 cm rainfall and it's in select locations," said Raj Bhagat P, senior manager GeoAnalytics, WRI India.

Co-founder of Friends of Lakes Ram Prasad said urban planning is done for 80mm rainfall and 100mm overwhelms the infrastructure. "The problem also lies in inefficient maintenance. Even the drain design is only for rainwater, often sewage also flows through it. When the drains are built, the already flowing sewage is not taken into consideration. The drain has capacity for 80mm rain, but sometimes at 40 mm itself, it overflows due to sewage. Underground drainage systems are also connected with storm-water drains," Ram Prasad said.

Dr Indu K Murthy, Sector Head -

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—Raj Bhagat P, WRI India

Climate, Environment and Sustainability at CSTEP said directly attributing it to climate change may not be possible now but it might be one of the factors. "As per our studies, we have found that under a climate change scenario, we will be seeing wetter events, heavy rainfalls and flooding. The occurrence of such situations is likely to increase over time. We cannot correct rainfall patterns but we can be more prepared for such situations in future.

Urban planning should be cognizant of these changes and accordingly, all developments need to be looked at through the climate change lens. As per the latest IPCC report, apart from floods, more heatwaves are expected in the coming decades. We are looking at a warmer and wetter future."

Experts highlighted that even a small step like each household collecting 60mm of rain could solve 50 per cent of the problems. "Another 30 per cent could be solved if both sides of the road collected rainwater. And 80 per cent of the problem could be sorted if recharge structures put rainwater into the aquifer," added Vishwanath. He added that we need to make space for the rain to infiltrate into the ground and manage lakes for flood mitigation.

Bhagat added that rajakaluves alone are not enough to prevent floods. "We need to think about the future growth in such valleys where buildings have been constructed and how we can secure existing valleys. We also need to devise plans to recover these valleys and construct alternative inundation canals. The existing canals are not enough," he added.

Dr Murthy is of the view that not everyone is impacted by floods in the same way. "There are certain pockets where flooding recurs and such problem areas should be identified. Through climate-risk mapping, we look at who/ what is located where. Some of these problem areas could have people from different economic strata but their capacity to adapt to these situations could differ," she added.

Shreya Nath, director of Urban Programs, Centre for Social and Environmental Innovation, says the floods were caused because of poor urban planning and more erratic rainfall patterns due to climate change.

"With climate change the intensity and frequency of these rainfall events should be factored into resilience planning. We need to act now if we want to see Bengaluru cope with the changing climate," she said.

She stressed on the need to use permeable material to build pavements and even roads. "There should also be more stringent enforcement against dumping garbage and sewage into stormwater drains," she said.

Which agency has messed up Rajakaluves?

For the last few days, flooding has been on the top of mind of most Bengalureans and encroached Rajakaluves are said to be the cause for the flooding. So, who is encroaching on the Rajakaluves? Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is pointing fingers at the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB).

BBMP's Special Commissioner (Welfare) Sharat B said, "We have observed that the water carrying

capacity of Rajakaluves has reduced ever since the BWSSB laid sewerage connection in them. As a result, the surface has become uneven at a few places. This is resulting in flooding."

He said they are looking at raising the height of retaining walls of Rajakaluves. Bengaluru has a network of 884 km of Rajakaluves. BWSSB officials responded to this claim saying they have done a neat job and cannot be blamed.

3,453 homes affected

The BBMP has identified that 3,453 homes were worst affected as per a survey done to find out who is eligible for the Rs 25,000 compensation announced by the CM. "The survey has been completed in all the eight zones. The BBMP will be spending Rs 8,63,25,000 towards compensation. Our personnel have details and the money will be transferred directly to their bank accounts," Sharat said. The worst

affected zone was East where 714 houses were partially damaged, followed by South 652, RR Nagar 530, West 494, Mahadevapura 461, Dasarahalli 247, Yelahanka 208 and Bommanahalli 147.

Sharat added that many houses have been constructed in flood plains. "So, there is a need to divert the water flow during heavy rain. We will also take up a survey of buildings that have violated the plans."

— Sridhar Vivan



STORY BEHIND THE PHOTO

SNOW WHITE BEAUTY

This is a Indian Sunbeam Butterfly, which I captured with my camera in Turahalli forest while birding. I took it when it was resting on the tip of the bud.

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Bellandur's river of sorrow

Main road is untarred, potholed, and perpetually waterlogged; residents have to deal with mosquitoes and a constant stench



An improper drainage system means that the stretch is always waterlogged and residents are unable to walk or even take out their vehicles



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If the rains were not enough, now, residents of Bellandur also have to bear the brunt of a potholed, untarred road with no proper drainage system. They say that commuting on Bellandur Main Road has become a Herculean task, especially in the current weather.

The residents say that the road has not been fixed for three years. The drainage system of the road is not up to the mark because of which, waterlogging in the area is a common phenomenon.

Bhuvnesh Pratap Singh, a resident of the area, said, "Commuting through this road is so difficult. There is no drainage system for the water either. Whenever it rains, the condition of the road worsens and no vehicle can travel at that time. It takes so much of time for the water to drain out."

Another resident of the area added that the roads have become extremely dirty. "Due

Because of the stagnant water, mosquitoes and pests are a constant issue

— Ashna Krishnan, a resident

to the waterlogging, the road sometimes stinks a lot. All the dirt and garbage get accumulated in this area and there is no one to clean the road."

Mosquitoes have also increased. Ashna Krishnan, a resident of the area, said, "Because of the stagnant water, the mosquitoes are only increasing. We cannot even keep the windows of our house open because then we risk catching dengue and malaria. Even insects have increased. We have kids and elderly people living here and they are always at the risk of catching diseases because of these insects and mosquitoes."

The residents of the area have filed several complaints with the BBMP authorities. They have also tried to meet with them. However, no heed was paid to their complaints and people have been left to fend for themselves.

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Gandhi Bazaar, Basavanagudi, is a feast for the senses. From spices that accost your senses from metres away to hawkers jostling for attention with their raucous cries, you cannot visit this age-old traditional market in a hurry. Time does stop still once you enter this market known for its traditional condiments and till date, Bangaloreans who take their shopping seriously make a beeline for Gandhi Bazaar for their fresh flowers and spices. Before any special festival in the state, the market becomes even livelier, and citizens throng to buy items at wholesale rates. Gandhi Bazaar also houses the iconic Vidyarthi Bhavan eatery.

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What can authorities do to help prevent waterlogging during heavy rains in Bengaluru?



Gopal Shastry, BM Reader

Before the onset of monsoon, it is mandatory that the authorities check manholes, storm water drains, sewage drains, related pipe fittings, the connections from individual houses and gated communities to the main line drains for any blockages and get them cleared. Potholes should be filled in and levelled to prevent accidents.



Aditya Kamble, BM Reader

The authorities should ensure or check the drainage system. Proper maintenance of drains, ban on plastic bags will help tackle floods in cities after heavy rains.



KL Subramanyam, BM Reader

The authorities concerned know fully well to prevent waterlogging during rainy days. They should work before the rains set in.



Joseph Felix Benedict

Consulting Engineer

Authorities should ensure the drains are always free from trash and mud. When there is a flash flood, a clear drain can prevent flooding of the road by quick collection of water. The authorities should monitor this situation constantly without negligence.



Chetan Singh, BM Reader

The stormwater drains & gutters should be scientifically connected and periodically maintained. Blockages in the openings for water to flow in gutters should be regularly cleaned. Demolition of illegal structures on rajakaluves should be completed.

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'Welcome to Mysuru': PM in heritage city for Yoga Day

City, where thousands gather to participate in yoga, chosen for main event on June 21



File photo of yoga enthusiasts during an event at the Mysore Palace premises

The Union Ministry of Ayush has confirmed the observance of 8th International Day of Yoga (IDY) at Mysuru city, which is known as the cultural capital and major historic destination of Karnataka on June 21.

The Ministry of Ayush has written to Chief Secretary of Karnataka P Ravikumar regarding the matter and directed him to issue necessary directions to all the concerned to make arrangements for successful organisation of the main event of IDY-2022. "The preparations for IDY-2022 are already underway. As the upcoming 8th IDY is falling in 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' year, this Ministry plans to observe IDY at 75 iconic sites across the country.

This year, the IDY will be focused on Branding India on the global stage," the letter read.

Every year, the main event of IDY observation happens in a particular city where thousands of people participate in Mass Yoga Demonstration by following Common Yoga Protocol. The main event of IDY observation is led by the Prime Minister himself. The main event of this IDY observation will be held in Mysuru.

Meanwhile, young BJP MP from Mysuru-Kodagu parliamentary constituency Pratap Simha has shared the details on his Twitter handle on Saturday. "Beloved PM Narendra Modi Ji, welcome to Namma (our) Mysuru! Honored!! Thank you so much Sir," he said. — IANS

No fullstop to poaching, illegal trade

Forest squad arrest 2 for selling pelt, horns of black buck; scales of pangolin

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Poaching of wildlife and its trade continues unabated in several parts of Karnataka due to the lack of awareness among villagers and their cluster heads regarding wildlife crimes and its punishment, say senior officials from CID Forest Mobile Squad (FMS).

Earlier several districts in the state were managed by FMSes of a nearby major district, but since the start of this year, upon ADGP Sharath Chandra's directions, the number of FMSes have been bolstered. With this, there has been a spurt in wildlife crime detection.

In a recent case detected by the Forest Mobile Squad, Ballari, a team of police inspector headed by DySP Muthanna and PSI Maruthi SV apprehended two men for selling the pelt along with the skull and horns of a black buck, and scale chips and dried up bones of a pangolin. The two arrested have been identified as HK Veeresh, a resident of Sandur in Ballari district and Hulikuntappa, a resident of Gudikote in Vijayanagar



district. While the Black Buck's pelt, skull and horns are used as trophies, the scales of Pangolin is used in the fashion industry and its bones are used in medicinal extracts, sources said.

According to the police sources, the two of them are farmers and even argued with the police about what was wrong in selling an already dead animals' pelt, horns of other parts after swearing to the cops that they have not killed any wild animal. The CID Forest Mobile Squad, Ballari team had to spend much time counselling them that they

Wildlife crimes

- It's only been a little over six months since the Davangere district police arrested eight people and seized 67 kilograms of Pangolin scales from them. They were nabbed from a dhaba near Harihar on Shivamogga road in November 2021
- The Annapurneshwari Nagar police had arrested two persons, Ibrahim and Mariswamy, with a bag full of pangolin scales weighing 8.2 kg in October last year

have committed a crime.

Even though the FMSes keep a tab on information regarding wildlife crimes, the awareness about them by the forest department officials do not trickle down to the grassroot level.

"The Indian Rock Python is a protected species under Schedule one, but soon after any villagers in any of the districts in Karnataka stumbles on a Rock Python, they don't spare them. They just kill it because they are venomous," a CID forest cell officer told Bangalore Mirror.

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I, Rafeek/ Rafiq/ Rafeeq Ahmed S/o Ahmed Hussain Urf Babjan residing at #30, Thirumala Pura Road, Bhavani Nagar, Channayana Palya Yaroob Manzil, Bangalore - 560073 have changed my name to **RAFEeq AHMED** (S/o Ahmed Hussain) affidavit dated 20.05.2022 before notary Devaraja E, Bangalore.

I, Joseph Ivin Thomas R/o No 93, T-5, Sly Pearl Apartment, 1st Main Road, Pf Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-40 have changed my minor son's name from Yeshurun Ephraim Joseph to Yeshurun Joseph Thomas Vide affidavit dt. 20/05/2022. IN- KA1126365490895217

I, Harshada J Tatil, R/a. No. 12, Pushpam Woods, Gudigattanaahalli, Near Thindlu, Bangalore-562125, have changed my name to Harshada Jitendra Patil vide affidavit dt. 21.05.2022 before Notary B.M. Chandrashekar

I, Ashok Vishwanathswamy Niranjan R/o # 37, 2nd cross, 4th main, Nrupatunganagar, Jp Nagar 7th phase, Bangalore 560078 have changed my minor daughter's name from Aadya Niranjan Ashok to Aadya Ashok for all purposes.

I, Percy Priyanka Panuganti R/o Flat No. 307, Samrudhi Elite Residency, Dommasandra Bengaluru 562125 have changed my name to PERCY PRIYANKA GOBEU, affidavit Dt. 21/05/2022 notary K. Velayudham, B'lore

I, Yemgalli Preeti Ganesh D/o Ganesh Yemgalli #10-3-33, Kumbhar Oni, Makthal pet Raichur Karnataka have changed my name to PREETI vide affidavit dated 17.05.2022 sworn before notary Devaraja E, Bangalore.

I, Kartik Parameshwar Bhat Agni S/o Parameshwar Bhat R/o Subrahmanya Surakatte, Mugwa Honavar, Uttara Kann -ada Karnataka -581334 have changed my name to Kartik Bhat Agni for all purposes.

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I, G Venkatesh S/o R Gopala Krishna residing at 2nd Floor, No.1328, 25th Cross, 27th Main, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-70 have lost our original approved building plan & Khata issued by BBMP bearing No.424/2005-06 dtd 09.06.2005 of property on Site No.642/A old Khata No.614 New Khata No.618/A at BEML Employees co op society, Hala gevadera Halli, BEML 3rd Stage, Rajarajeswari Nagar, Sale deed No BNG-RRN/2598/2007-08, have lost/ misplaced. Founder may please handover the same to above address or to nearby police station.

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MYSURU MUTTON CHOP SAARU

INGREDIENTS

For boiling

- Mutton chop: 1 kg
- Slice onion: 200 gm
- Slice tomato: 100 gm
- Ginger garlic paste: 40 gm
- Turmeric powder: 5 gm
- Water: 750 ml
- Salt to taste

For paste

- Coriander: 100 gm
- Mint: 80 gm
- Spinach: 50 gm
- Spring onion: 50 gm
- Fenugreek leaves: 20 gm
- Green chili: 30 gm
- whole mix spices: 10 gm

METHOD

- Heat the cooking oil in a heavy-bottomed pan over medium heat. Add the onions and sauté until golden brown, add ginger garlic paste and then add tomato and cook for 5 minutes. Now, put mutton chop and along with turmeric powder and salt, now cover with lid and cook for 20 minutes. After that, grind the all ingredients into a smooth paste and put this paste into mutton chop and again cook for 10 minutes. When the meat is cooked and the sauce has thickened, take it out. Garnish with coriander sprigs and lemon wedges and serve with steamed rice.



Prep Time:
12-15 mins
Cooking Time:
35-40 mins
Serves 4

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PRAWNS GHEE ROAST

INGREDIENTS

- Prawns: 800 gm
- Turmeric powder: 1 pinch
- Ghee: 100 gm
- Lemon juice: 1 tbsp
- Curry leaf: 2 sprigs
- Cashewnut: 10 gm
- Salt to taste

Ghee roast masala

- Byadagi chilli: 100 gm
- Egg: 1
- Cashewnut: 15 gm
- Coriander seeds: 2 gm
- Black pepper: 1 gm
- Jaggery: 5 gm
- Garlic: 10 gm
- Tamarind: 5 gm

METHOD

- Marinade the prawns with turmeric, salt,

lemon juice. Take a pan and dry roast all the dry ingredients. After that make a paste of it along with some water and keep aside. Now heat the ghee in a heavy-bottomed vessel place the ghee roast masala and tamarind water cook for 10 mins. Then take out the masala and keep aside. In the same vessel add ghee, curry leaves, and put marinated prawns into it and saute for 2 mins then put cooked masala and again cooked for 5 mins. Serve hot and garnish with fried curry leaves and cashewnuts.

CHICKEN DONNE BIRYANI

INGREDIENTS

For marination

- Chicken curry cut: 1 kg
- Ginger garlic paste: 2 tbsp
- Turmeric powder: 1 tbsp
- Lemon juice: 1 tbsp
- Curd: 100 gm
- Salt to taste

Biryani masala

- Jeera samba rice: 500 gm
- Green chilli: 50 gm
- Ghee: 100 gm
- Bayleaf: 2

- Green cardamom: 5
- Clove: 3
- Star anise: 3
- Sliced onion: 150 gm
- Coriander leaves: handful
- Mint leaves: handful
- Egg: 4
- Salt: to taste
- Water: 1 ltr

METHOD

- In a large bowl, combine curd, ginger garlic paste, turmeric, lemon juice, salt and chicken and marinate it for at least 30 mins. Now using a mixer jar add coriander,

mint, green chilli and make a fine paste. In a heavy bottomed pot heat ghee then add all whole spices, onions and saute it for until golden brown. And this stage, add marinated chicken into it and cook for 10 mins. Then add green paste and washed rice and water. Mix it well and cook for 5-7 mins. Now cover it with lid and cook for 10 mins with very low flame. After that served hot biryani with onion cucumber raita and boiled egg.



Prep Time:
30-35 mins
Cooking Time:
30-35 mins
Serves 4

MIND, BODY & HEART



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I recently found out that my best friend has been having an affair with a married guy for several months. We actually live together, so she has obviously gone to great lengths to hide the relationship from me. I only discovered what was going on after I returned early from a trip and caught them at our flat. I'm so angry with my friend, not because I disapprove of the affair (although I do), but the fact that she's hidden something massive from me. We've always told each other everything and she's the first person I reach out to for support, and that's usually how she feels about me, too. Can we get back to how we were?

COLEEN SAYS

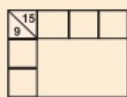
She probably didn't tell you because she was ashamed of the affair or ashamed of how she'd feel about herself when she admitted it to you. She was worried about being judged. Maybe she wanted to tell you, but the longer it went on, the harder it became to admit it. I've said lots of times in this column that I do believe you can be close to someone and not agree with all their choices. I think all you need to say to your friend is that you might not approve of what she's doing and you're worried she'll get hurt - and hurt other people - but you're still there for her if she needs you. Also explain that the reason you feel hurt is because she kept it from you and didn't trust you with the information. It sounds like she probably needs your friendship more than ever right now, so talk it out.

—Coleen Nolan,
Daily Mirror



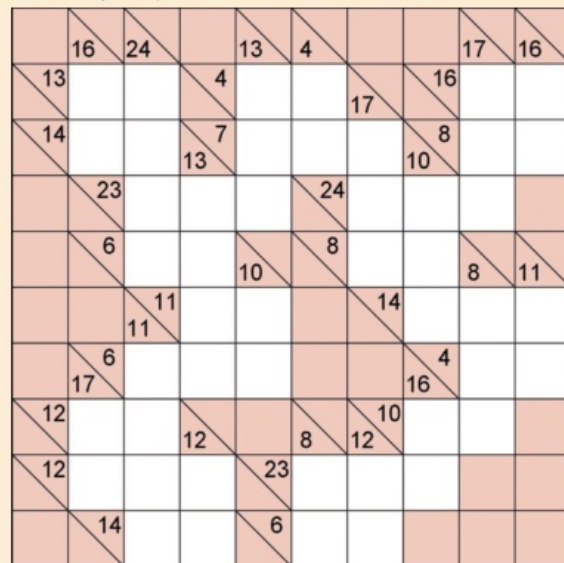
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

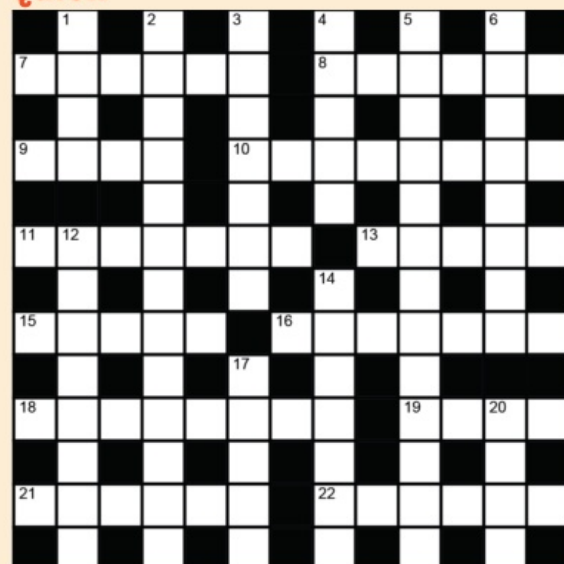


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 7 Removing the moisture from (6)
- 8 Assists by pushing from below? (6)
- 9 Wooden ____ : paper is made from it? (4)
- 10 Makes one angry or rouses one's emotions (8)
- 11 Globes? (7)
- 13 Forays (5)
- 15 Raid (5)
- 16 George Bernard Shaw heroine (7)
- 18 Listed, itemised or described? (8)
- 19 Battles or armed conflicts (4)
- 21 Famous landmark on the corner of Kasturba road and Vittal Mallya Road (2,4)
- 22 A French cake (6)

DOWN

- 1 Asian language (4)
- 2 Bobby in Bobby (6,7)
- 3 Sets fire to (7)
- 4 Towards the rear (5)
- 5 Become co-conspirators or friends or partners? (4,5,4)
- 6 Was present (8)
- 12 Aphorisms or adages (8)
- 14 Tourniquet (7)
- 17 Ruses, tricks or gimmicks (5)
- 20 Pore over (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: J EQUALS N
L FXVKCJ AMC NVZKNK JC CJX
YLJ'N DX NVZKNXI.



Linemaro

I like your aura



Mindchow

In the business world, everyone is paid in two coins: cash and experience. Take the experience first; the cash will come later



Joke of the day

What is a chameleon's motto? A change is as good as a rest!

Loop

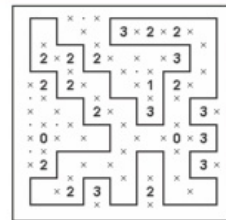
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

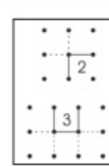
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

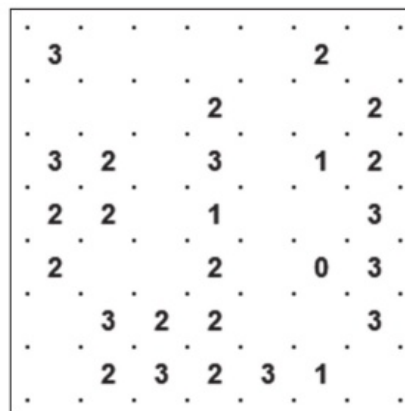
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



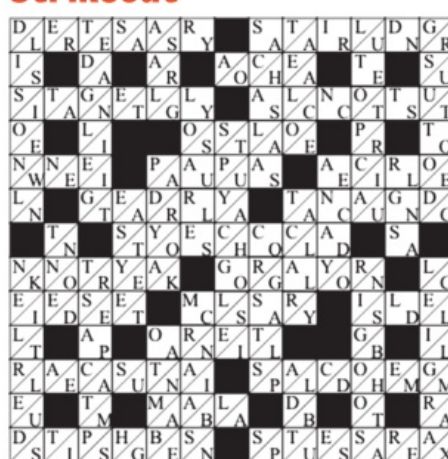
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



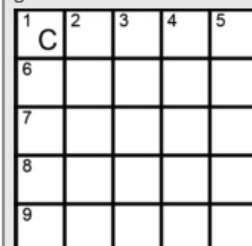
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? On your marks, get set...



ACROSS

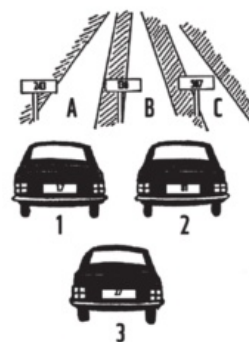
- 1 Crops; 6 Value;
- 7 Boner; 8 It lee;
- 9 To Big

DOWN

- 1 Be cub; 2 Olio V;
- 3 GI err; 4 An opt;
- 5 Leets

Mensapuzzle

Which car goes into which road?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

$\square \square \square \square = 27$

1 4 4 8

Medium

$\square \square \square \square = 5$

4 8 8 9

Hard

$\square \square \square \square = 38$

2 3 8 2

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pocket is missing. 2. Arm is thinner. 3. Tie is missing. 4. Paper is shorter. 5. Man is lower. 6. Counter is wider.

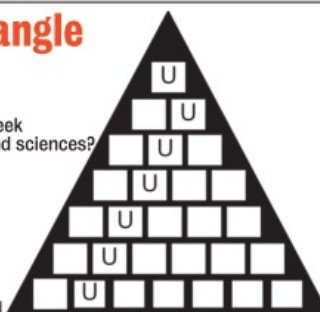
Riddler

Although my creation causes man strife, It is my breaking that sustains him in life. Poets have named me. They call me the staff. But to obtain me Split wheat from the chaff. What am I?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Last vowel
- 2 Lambda follower
- 3 Grand total
- 4 One of the nine Greek goddesses of arts and sciences?
- 5 Backless shoes
- 6 A breakfast dish
- 7 Inspiring awe

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

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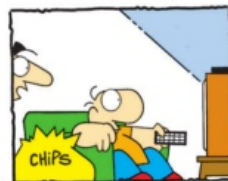
"When you say we need more quality time, does that mean together or apart?"



"All my life, I've been struggling to find inner peace, but I'm just too fond of tacos."



"Onions and peppers on my half of the pizza. A jump rope, running shoes and some weights on his half."



"Watching captioned TV is not the same as reading a book."

"If you spend enough time with someone you start to look alike. That's why I watch so many Schwarzenegger movies."

BABY BLUES

BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you may be busy at work; with the help of your strong network you may be able to implement your plans successfully. Your wisdom may help you to gain profits in past investments. You may enjoy your romantic moments with the spouse which will increase harmony in your domestic life. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today, you will be blessed by a positive moon. You may feel healthy; old health issues may be cured now. The amount which was stuck somewhere is likely to be recovered now. You may also apply for a loan for buying some stuff related to luxury.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today, you will be blessed by the moon which make you happy. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your communication skills. You are polite with the people around you. You may take some difficult decisions in the business with the help of your colleagues.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, you will be blessed by the moon which may make you happy. Last week's crunch will now be over. With the help of blessing, you may get reciprocation for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate your postponed work. There will be gains in your business which may boost your finance.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today, you will be blessed by Jupiter which may give you confidence. You may be able to take important decisions confidently. You will be decisive also, so you may grab the opportunity without a second thought. You are likely to spend money on family and friends. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments. Job aspirants are likely to get a suitable job with the help of friends.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, you will be blessed by the moon; it will be a good day for you. You may have a good vitality which will help you enjoy at work; you may enjoy romantic moments with the spouse, which may improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start some new project; your perfection may help you to design the flow chart. Job-seekers will find a suitable job. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, you may feel dull; you may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in the business. It is also advised not to start a new venture. You are likely to face losses in the business. Your gains are likely to convert into losses.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today, you may have a dull feeling. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance; it may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may feel a lack of confidence which may stop you to do something creative at work.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today, you may not feel better, old health issues may arise; it may make you upset. You may take some wrong decisions due to impatience and hurry. It is advised to think twice before making any decision. It is advised that you should not keep money loose, otherwise you may spend it on buying worthless stuff.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, you may be enthusiastic which may speed up your project. You may be able to take quick decisions which will increase in the business. You are likely to start a new innovation in partnership. Investments in fixed assets with the business partner is not advised.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, you may feel energetic. You may perform efficiently at work; your hard work may pay you now which may boost your confidence. Property-related disputes with the siblings are likely to be resolved now. Your meeting with some influential person may boost your network.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today, you will be blessed by the moon which may make you happy. You are likely to have good gains in your past investments. You may be able to take quick decisions in terms of work which may give you good gains in near future.



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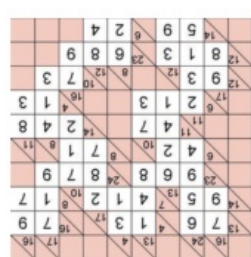
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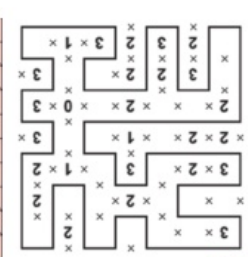
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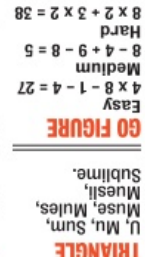
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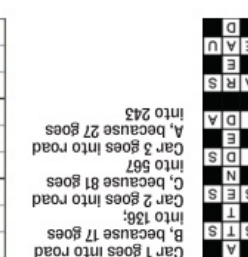
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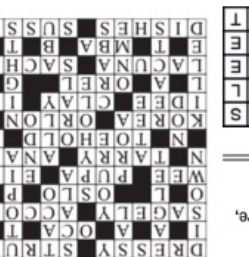
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Jury is out!

But we've reached a verdict — DP slays it, in a casual way

Deepika Padukone is back! The actor very well knows how to flatten fans with her fashion choices and after making a few eye-pleasing appearances on the red carpet at the 75th Cannes Film Festival 2022, the glamorous actor has got another alluring treat ready for the fans. Padukone made a casual stint for a formal dinner not as an attendee but as a jury member.

Donning a floral full sleeves shirt with a comfy jacket over it, Deepika looked breathtaking as always. Her keen high boots and a sling bag added drama to her look. Minimalistic makeup and hair made the actress look elegant and one can't miss her infectious smile that certainly cast a spell. In an earlier interview, Deepika Padukone had opened up about being a jury member at Cannes 2022 and said, "It feels like that's finally happening now. It should have happened much earlier, but I guess, it took its own time. It's taken generations of work from different people to get us to this place".

It is also reported that not just Deepika but Ranveer Singh is all set to make heads turn at the 75th Cannes Film Festival. On Thursday, Singh left Mumbai in style to accompany Deepika at Cannes. So in just a few hours or so, we can expect another fashion wave at Cannes for sure with Ranveer joining the bandwagon.

— ETimes

'Did not mean to start a debate'

Superstar Kichcha Sudeep has said he had no intention to spark a debate with his comments on Hindi as he praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for calling Indian languages the soul of 'Bharatiyata'.

"I didn't mean to start any riot or any kind of debate. It just so happened



without an agenda. It was an honour and a privilege to see the certain lines come out of the Prime Minister's mouth," Sudeep told NDTV. "When he himself makes a statement... Everybody who looks upon their language with regard and respect, it's an overwhelming thing to see him speak this way," he added.

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